

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7 through 9 as follows:

7 (Amended). The display of claim 6 wherein said desiccant is a silica.

8 (Amended). The display of claim 6 wherein said desiccant is zeolite.

9 (Amended). The display of claim 6 wherein said filler material includes epoxy.

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, and 11 were all rejected over Inohara in view of Matsuura under Section 103. The office action points to a filler material 13 in Inohara. Further, it is argued that the filler material includes desiccant, namely, silicon gel particles.

It is respectfully submitted that this is an incorrect reading of the patent. The filler material 13 does not include the desiccant. For example, referring to the front page of the patent, the layer 16 has a lead line and the title moisture absorbing material. It is this layer 16 that is moisture absorbing and not the material 13. For example, referring to column 3, lines 27-30, it is stated that the liquid 13 can be silicon oil or grease. The thing formed of silica gel is the absorptive member 16. See column 3, lines 61-63. Thus, in lines 64-66, when it is referring to the silica gel material it is referring to the absorptive member 16, not the protective layer 13.

Each of the independent claims call for a filler material including a desiccant mixed into the filler material "to seal the region between said front and back plates." Plainly, the layer 16 is ineffective to seal the material between any front and any back plates. Therefore, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited references. Similarly, the same type of limitation is contained in claims 6 and 11.

For these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims should be reconsidered.

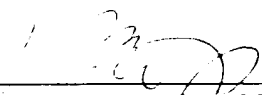
The formal objections have been cured by appropriate amendments. Namely, the point that the item 18 was not referenced in the specification was due to an error in the specification, not in the drawings. Thus, the specification has been corrected.

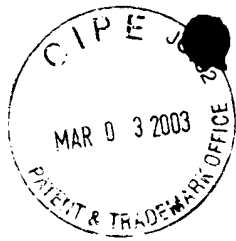
In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs between lines 4 and 18 on page 4 as follows:

As shown in Figure 3, a plurality of modules [12] 18 may be abutted side-to-side, each module [12] 18 abutting the lateral extension of the filler material 14 and sealing the joints within any given array display 10 and between adjacent modules [12] 18.

The desiccant in the filler material 14 traps moisture before it can attack the moisture sensitive organic light emitting materials in the OLED display 10. In addition, the moisture trapping capability is provided between the layers 20 and 22 of each module [12] 18. The desiccant or getter material absorbs moisture and other gases as they diffuse in from the edge of the sandwiched display 10.

Thus, each module [12] 18 may be surrounded by a barrier of desiccant filler material 14 and the front and back plates 12 and 16 may be similarly coated.

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